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Writing to a friend in this city, Rev. Joseph Fort Newton says that his ministry in the City Temple of London opened in triumph, surpassing all expectations.

"I certainly could not have asked for a better reception, anywhere on earth," he writes. "It was truly remarkable. It made me wish for all my friends to enjoy it with me."

In a later note he writes: "My work, so far, is a great success, going beyond my expectations." The London papers are full of kind words concerning the opening service and the work of Dr. Newton and many of the provincial papers devote large space to his sermons, his personality and his work at the Temple.

One of the papers, the British Weekly which was not overly enthusiastic about him when he first went over, has the following:

May we not say with reverence that a "sacred and secret Hand" has guided the new pastor to the City Temple pulpit? He has been preserved amid ocean perils, and he comes to London at a moment when America's entrance into war has aroused new hopes, revived old affections, and made the ties of kinship inexpressively dear. If Dr. Parker, who used to say that his back pews were in the Rocky Mountains, could have looked from the quiet hills of heaven on Whit-Sunday morning, would he not have rejoiced that his church has become a great Anglo-American center of worship? Not even in his time did any grander congregation assemble. Of the men, half at least were in khaki, and these up-standing figures, sunburned faces and keenly intelligent eyes, reminded us that even this terrible war has its picturesque and stately aspects. A number of our patient wounded occupied places near the front. In the first row of the gallery was a smart looking American officer accompanied by two ladies in summer attire. May was going out with heat and cloudless skies, and there was something seasonable in the glimmer of white and pale-colored dresses amid the uniforms.

Dr. Fort Newton's appearance is now familiar to Londoners. With his handsome dark head and pale, expressive features he would be a noted figure in any company. He wore a purple silk hood over a black gown. I was impressed by the modesty and gentleness of his bearing the absence of self-consciousness, the simplicity with which he threw himself on London's good will. His language has the literary finish which comes from continual association with the greatest writers, but I doubt whether he can long continue to bear the strain of entirely extempore preaching. Something told us that here was very ovable as well as a rarely gifted personality. In his reading of scripture there is no over-emphasis, yet the full meaning is brought out of every verse.

His prayer, as was right and natural, was occupied with the war. We heard in it acry from leaguered camps. "Send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead us in this day that is so dark, so tangled, so tragic."

May the union—the reunion—of two nations in which we rejoice this day be a foretaker of a better time, when good will shall return to earth, and all shall labour together to build the beloved community wherein dwelleth righteousness and peace.

Very touchingly the new pastor spoke of voices today blending with sweet voices of the past making one music as before. He prayed he himself might have a faithful and fruitful ministry, and might be kept humble of spirit, sweet of heart, loving the truth, and speaking the truth in love.

Not the least interesting passage in a rich and wise discourse was the reference to Henry Scougal's classic work, "The life of God in the Soul of Man."

In the closing hymn a verse of the national anthem was followed by "My

Bacon, Almost Blind and Crippled, Says He Sold Whiskey to Repel the Wolf of Poverty

It may be quite surprising to you to read a statement in the paper, especially from this scribe. As a matter of fact, you all know I have been arrested again and tried and found guilty, and sentenced to serve a term in the state penitentiary.

Of course I do not propose to tell you that I am innocent of this charge, for I am not. I am guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. No doubt there are many readers of this article that have known me for many years, when I was a free and law-abiding citizen. I loved freedom as any of you, and loved the happy association of a true wife and innocent children as well as any father or husband. But time is unipire that decides destiny for all men. As I think today, shut-up in this lonely prison of the joy there is on the outside to him that is free and law-abiding, it makes me long to live again the days that are past and gone, and I'm sure I would take a different step and consider that "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

My friends I can never thank the sheriff of this county half enough for the good treatment I have received. I feel that the court has been as lenient on me as is possible. I feel that the sheriff has a heart of the deepest sympathies for him who has fallen.

A few years ago I was making an honorable living for her whom I at the alter vowed so earnestly to protect and provide for. But now it all seems to have come to one sad end and I must pay the penalty for the violation of the laws of society. But, oh, my friends, when the hungry wolf is howling at the kitchen door it makes men do many things that they would shudder at under ordinary circumstances. When I saw the poverty-stricken condition of those for whom I would gladly die, and seeing myself a bad cripple and not being able to do any farm work and not having an education to hold a position, I realized something must be done. But, gentlemen, however direful the conflict of life may be take the advice of one who knows what it is to lose freedom, thereby losing all, never to attempt to violate law for any purpose or purposes. A few nights ago I dreamed of innocent childhood days and thought I saw myself kneeling at mother's knee, and seeing her place her soft hands on my then innocent head: her pleading voice for God to protect her son. When I awoke I found it all but a dream. I then vowed to my sainted mother's God that if He would spare my unprofitable life through this trouble I would live the few more days I have here an up-right life, so help me God. As a matter of fact, I am looked upon as a criminal before the public. But, my dear friends, however bad I may seem to your minds, yet there is a white spot in my heart and some day it will grow and grow till I become a better man. Only a short time ago my wife and little children visited me in my lonely cell and no one can ever tell how my old heart yearned for them as they said "Good-bye, Papa," with tears trailing down their little cheeks, to go back to their little house and try to do something in their little weak way with the assistance of my own true companion, that no doubt has awoke and on many sleepless nights and studied hard how to keep the wolf from the door another day. But I believe in a God, however rough I may have been in the past, and surely He will not suffer hunger to gnaw my poor little children's stomach beyond

Country 'Tis of Thee." The music throughout was most uplifting, and more than one of the vast audience must, I think, have recalled at the end of the service, the words of Haggi. "The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of hosts, and in this place will I give peace."

There were two hundred and three in Sunday school and very good crowds at both preaching services, considering the excessively hot weather. All services next Sunday as usual. Let all members of the Sunday school be present on time at 9:45 a. m. A large and enthusiastic school is expected. Rev. C. P. Morris, returned missionary from China, will preach at 11 a. m., and will speak on "China" at the night hour, using models and curios with which to illustrate his lecture. Bro. Morris is a bright and interesting young man and it will pay you to hear him in both services. Special music will be provided.

HARLAN J. MATTHEWS, Pastor.

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what the are able to bear. My dear friends, when I think of just the few remaining days I have to be kept in the care of your good sheriff before I am to say good-bye to my dear companion and little children my eyes fill with hot tears and my brain with pain, and it seems an impossible word. If I live it will be a happy meeting when I return to those I love. I may not be able to look on their faces when I return for my eyes are almost gone now, but it will be a pleasure to hear their voices and be in their company. May I request all who read these that pray that you remember old J. E. Bacon and his little family in your petition. May God spare my life through the lonely hours I am to stay at Huntsville and also spare my family and all my good friends till I shall have an opportunity of meeting you again. Some day I'll return a better man, and don't kick me further down the hill for I am now going to struggle hard to climb higher.

So I say good-bye to loved ones and all, and state that if I never see you again some day beyond the rolling sea I shall meet you in a better world, to be with Him, and loved ones waiting for us. J. E. BACON.

Services at Baptist Church

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VERY FEW EXEMPT IN THE SELECTION

B. B. Poore of Bridgeport, Dr. L. H. Reeves and C. V. Terrell of Decatur, have been named as the exemption board for the selective draft in Wise county.

No date has been set by the national government for the meeting of the county exemption board to pass upon the fitness of the young men who have been called to enter the army. Messenger has received notice that the following persons will be exempted from service:

Officers of the United States, of the states, territories and the District of Columbia; ministers of religion, students of divinity, persons in the military or naval service of the United States, subjects of Germany, all other aliens who have not taken out first papers, county or municipal officers, custom house clerks, workmen in federal service designated by the president for exemption, pilots, merchant marine sailors, those with a status with respect to dependents which renders their exclusion desirable (a married man with dependent wife or child, son of a dependent widow, son of dependent, aged or infirm parent, or brother of dependent orphan child under 16 years of age); those found morally deficient and any member of any well-recognized religious sect existing May 18, 1917, whose creed forbids participation in war and whose religious convictions accord with the creed.

Claims for exemption because of dependents may be made by the man himself, his wife or other dependents or by a third party who has personally investigated the case. A claim made by the husband must be accompanied by supporting affidavits signed by the wife and by the head of a family residing in the same territory. A claim by the wife or third party must be accompanied by two supporting

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VERY FEW EXEMPT IN THE SELECTION

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affidavits by heads of families.

Similar rules govern claims on the grounds of other dependents when the dependents or third parties being authorized to file claims with supporting affidavits. In each case the board must be satisfied before it grants exemption or discharge that the dependent or dependents actually are supported mainly by the fruits of the man's mental or physical labor.

Local boards are required, subject to appeal, to pass upon claims for exemption or discharge within three days after the filing of affidavits.

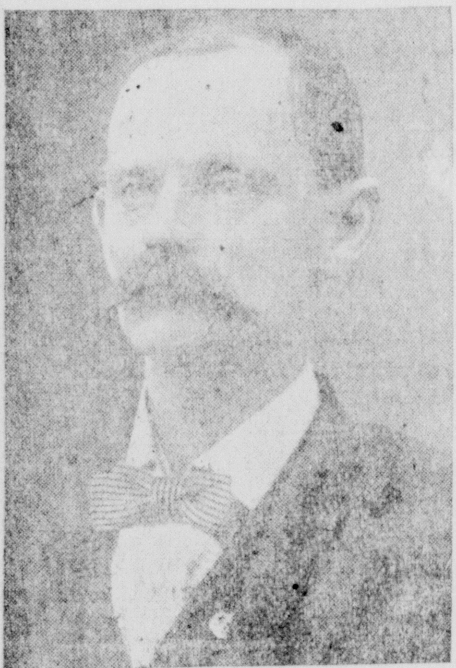
District boards must decide appeal cases within five days after the closing of proofs and their decisions are final. If the ruling of a local board is affirmed, the person in question stands finally accepted for military service.

In passing on claims for exemption on the ground for employment in necessary industrial and agricultural occupations, the district boards must be convinced that the particular enterprise affording such employment actually is necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment or national interest during the emergency.

Later the president may from time to time designate certain industries or classes of industries that are necessary and the district boards will be so notified. It will be the duty of each board, however, to ascertain the available labor supply for such industries outside the men called for military service and to take the result into consideration in determining such things.

Certificates of exemption will not necessarily be permanent. They may be revoked with changing conditions or may be granted only for prescribed periods.

An Old-Time Citizen Passes Away.



E. O. LIVELY

After a short illness Mr. E. O. Lively died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Thompson, where he had lived for several years. He passed away at 10:15 p. m. He was born in Bonham, Texas, October 19, 1875. In 1875 he came to Decatur and secured a position in the store of this writer's father. For years he clerked in the stores of the early-day merchants of Decatur, and in later years engaged in business for himself. For the past fifteen or twenty years Mr. Lively engaged in clerking, and for some time before his death had been in the real estate and loan business. In 1876 Mr. Lively married Miss Rachel House, who died several years ago. Of this union six children survive, Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Decatur; Tal Lively, El Paso; Mrs. Pate Boone, Oklahoma; Harvey Lively, Whitehouse; Mrs. Tully Fields, Detroit; Mich; Lois Lively, Post. He joined the Methodist church when a young man, and since 1895 he has been a member of the Masonic order, in which fraternity he was a most zealous worker. He was a past master of Decatur lodge.

Mr. Lively was not a successful business man; he was too liberal and free-hearted to accumulate and hold much of the world's goods. He lived for the day and gave freely of his means to charity. He was an apostle of good cheer at all times, and hundreds of our citizens will agree with us when we state he has made more people laugh than any other man in this section. He was very fond of children, and many little school-boy and girl will regret the death of their friend who always greeted them with a happy word.

Peace, sweet peace, to the soul of this old-timer—"the Old Scout" as he was affectionately called by his friends.

Decatur and Denton Each Win A Game

The series of ball games between Decatur and Denton Normal is still tied up, each team winning two games. During the past week two games were played at Denton, the Normalites taking the first and Decatur the second.

Denton won Thursday's game 10 to 7 in a free-hitting contest in which Denton did better stick-work with men on bases. In the second inning the Normal got three runs when Hodges, Strong and Wilson crossed the plate with earned runs. In the third Gunn scored for Decatur on hits by Provence and B. Renshaw. In the fourth Denton put Seigler rapping a homer. In the fifth Decatur got four when Nash, Provence, B. Renshaw and Rush scored. In the seventh Hunter and Duke scored for the Normal, and Rush made a perfect steal of home for Decatur.

The box score:

Decatur	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Nash, ss.....	4	2	1	0	1	2
Provence, lb.....	4	1	2	9	0	1
B. Renshaw, 3b.....	4	1	2	1	0	1
Minor, rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Rush, cf.....	4	2	2	2	0	0
Williams, lf.....	4	0	1	3	0	1
Gunn, 2b.....	4	0	1	2	2	0
Wheelock, p.....	4	0	0	0	5	0
Total.....	36	7	8	24	9	4
Normal College	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Porter, lb.....	4	1	2	6	0	0
Emery, c.....	4	1	2	10	2	0
Potts, 2b.....	3	1	1	0	1	1
Hunter, of.....	4	2	0	5	0	1
Duke, rf.....	3	1	2	4	0	0
Hodges, ss.....	2	1	1	3	0	1
Strong, lf.....	3	1	1	0	0	2
Wilson, 3b.....	4	1	0	0	0	0
Sigler, p.....	3	1	1	10	3	0
Williams, rf.....	1	0	0	2	0	0
Total.....	31	10	10	27	16	5

Summary: Stolen bases, Hunter, Wilson, Porter, Hodges, Duke, Nash; two-base hits, Potts, Duke 2; sacrifice hits, Potts; home run, Sigler; struck out, by Wheelock 5, by Sigler 10; bases on balls, off Wheelock 1; wild pitch, Sigler; hit batsmen, Emery, Nash, Provence; passed balls, Emery; time of game, 1 hour and 55 minutes. Umpire, Boyd.

In Friday's game Decatur evened up the series by taking the game 6-5. Denton started off to scoring in the second when Potts doubled and scored on Hodges' single. Hodges then counted on a safe one by Wilson. The Normal picked up two more in the third when Emory walked and scored on Hunter's hit, while Hunter later scored on an error. Denton's last score was made in the ninth with two down, and first and second occupied. Nash fumbled a high fly while Emory scored from third, but Nash threw Hunter out at third, making the third out.

Decatur batted around in the fourth. Provence singled, Renshaw doubled, Patterson was safe on a fumble—then the expected happened. With the bases loaded down, "Eagle" Gunn took a liking to one of Collins' slants and laid it up against center field fence, scoring three men and taking three bases on the blow. Williams took first on a fumble, then Gunn and Williams came home on O. Jones' single. In the fifth, Provence led off with another safe one, and scored on another two-bagger by Renshaw.

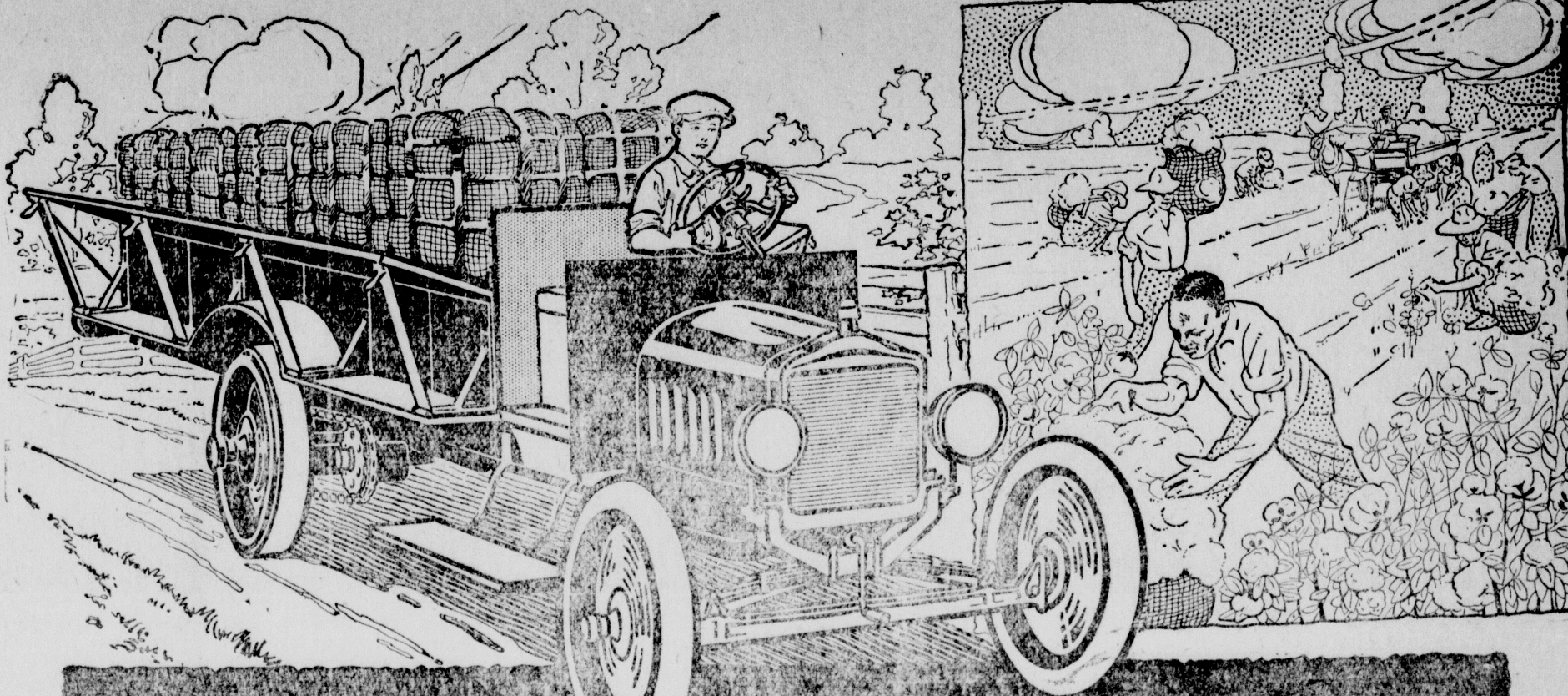
It was a hair-raising game, full of hits and thrills, and was anybody's game till the last play was made. In several innings Decatur failed to hit with men on, in one inning the bases were full, but Collins tightened up and fanned three men in rapid succession. Oscar Jones pulled out of several tight places and twirled a due game.

Jeff Ready of Denton, put up one of the best jobs of umpiring we have ever seen, and the game went off without a hitch.

Box score:

Decatur	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Nash, ss.....	5	0	0	1	5	3
Provence, 1.....	5	2	3	6	0	0
B. Renshaw, 3.....	4	1	3	2	1	0
Patterson, r.....	5	1	0	2	0	0
B. Jones, c.....	5	0	0	8	0	0
Gunn, 2.....	4	1	2	2	1	0
Rush, m.....	3	0	0	4	0	1
Williams, l.....	4	1	0	1	0	0
O. Jones p.....	4	0	1	1	3	0
Total.....	39	6	9	27	10	4
Denton Normal	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Porter, 1.....	5	0	2	9	0	0
Emery, c.....	4	2	0	9	0	0
Williams, r.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hunter, m.....	5	1	1	0	0	0
Duke, 1.....	4	0	0	4	0	1
Potts, 2.....	4	1	2	1	1	1
Hodges, s.....	4	1	1	2	4	4
Wilson, 3.....	4	0	2	1	0	1
Collins, p.....	3	0	0	1	3	0
Total.....	39	5	8	27	8	7

Struck out by Jones 6, Collins 8; 2-base hits, Renshaw 2, Potts, Wilson 2; 3-base hit, Gunn.



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THE REPORT OF CONDITION OF The First State Bank

AT PARK SPRINGS, TEXAS
At the close of business, June 20, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 30,802 40
Overdrafts.....	33 09
Bills of Exchange (cotton).....	10 38
Real estate, banking house.....	1,200 00
Other real estate.....	1,375 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,350 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	1,648 47
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check.....	4 00
Cash items.....	57 08
Currency.....	1,972 00
Specie.....	641 60
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	252 61
Other resources as follows: Ass'mt guaranty fund.....	29 63
Total.....	\$ 39,376 26

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	1,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	1,896 51
Individual deposits subject to check.....	25,459 07
Time certificates of deposit.....	1,000 00
Cashier's checks.....	20 68
Total.....	\$ 39,376 26

State of Texas, county of Montague: We, John B. Hunt as president, and T. L. Davis, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. John B. Hunt, President. T. L. Davis, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 30th day of June, 1917. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. T. J. Moss, Notary Public Montague County. Correct Attest: J. E. Morris, J. M. Huckabee, C. E. Brown, Directors.

Look! Look! Watch The Home Protective Grow

At last meeting of the board of directors of Wise County Home Protective Association No. 1, held June 29, there were one dozen applicants admitted membership to said Association, which is a greater number than at any other previous meeting in many months. Since the organization of the Association about 17 years ago, has there been a more opportunity for home people to apply for home protection, than at present time.

Now is the time to take out your insurance in the Land Office. JULY 15 FIRE INSURANCE IS INCREASED 10c ON THE \$100 ON ALL SHINGLE ROOF BUILDINGS. Both Phones. Miss Lynn Thompson in the office at all hours during the day. BOYD & MASON, Agts.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF First State Bank SLIDELL, TEXAS

At Close of Business June 20, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 32,526 18
Loans, real estate.....	1,200 00
Overdrafts.....	269 00
Real estate, banking house.....	839 74
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	8,998 32
Cash items.....	2 00
Currency.....	2,834 00
Specie.....	873 37
Int. in guaranty fund.....	625 38
Other resources Assmt fund.....	73 66
Total.....	\$ 49,241 65

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	5,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	1,193 10
Individual deposits subject to check.....	33,040 72
Cashier's checks.....	3 00
Other liabilities as follows: Suspense.....	4 83
Total.....	\$ 49,241 65

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, T. S. Atcheson, as president, and J. P. Turner, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. T. S. Atcheson, President; J. P. Turner, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June 1917. L. M. Atcheson, Notary Public, Wise county, Texas. Correct attest: E. Hammack, A. R. Drake, J. W. Bryant, Directors.

Out of a membership of 1200 there has been only one death reported to the Association in the past eight months ending July 1, 1917. There is a serious doubt as to whether there is another Home Protective Association in the great state of Texas, that can show a superior record to our own Wise County Home Protective Association.

Should anyone who takes notice to the above, be interested in protecting their home, and doubtless there are many, please call on the secretary or solicitors of said Association for particulars. Respectfully submitted, Lory D. White, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CONDITON OF First State Bank BOONSVILLE, TEXAS

At close of business June 20, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 22,983 22
Overdrafts.....	60 30
Real estate (banking house).....	800 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	6,663 49
Due from other banks, and bankers, subject to check, net.....	4,224 75
Cash items.....	10 67
Currency.....	2,146 00
Specie.....	943 70
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	349 61
Total.....	\$ 39,181 74

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	5,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	954 18
Individual deposits, subject to check, net.....	23,227 56
Total.....	\$ 39,181 74

State of Texas, County of Wise, We, S. W. Holley, as president, and K. A. Osburn, as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. S. W. Holley, President. K. A. Osburn, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of June, 1917. J. W. Carson, Notary Public, Wise County, Texas. Correct Attest: S. W. Holley, Jack Holland, J. F. Head, James Wimberly, K. A. Osburn, Directors.

Constable Sale

The State of Texas, County of Wise—By virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable justice court of precinct no. 1, Tarrant county, on the 15 day of June 1917, by Emmett Moore Justice of the town of said court against V. S. Halcomb et al. for the sum of \$35.47 and costs of suit, in cause no. 24920 in said court, styled H. W. Williams versus V. S. Halcomb et al. and placed in my hands for service, I, R. S. Goode, as constable of precinct no. 7, Wise County, Texas, did, on the 20 day of June 1917 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit being lot no. 3 in block no. 8, in South Decatur, Tex., and levied upon as the property of said V. S. Halcomb and on These

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First State Bank OF GREENWOOD, TEXAS,

At the close of business June 20, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 18,969 45
Overdrafts	42 80
Furniture and fixtures	1,200 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	12,748 57
Cash items	135 13
Currency	2,068 50
Specie	868 03
Interest in depositors guaranty fund	175 37
Other resources as follows:	
U. S. cert. indebtedness, \$2,000. Ass'mt to guar.	

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	1,125 00
Undivided profits, net.....	52 44
Individual deposits subject to check.....	26,718 61
Time certificates of deposit.....	300 00
Cashier's checks.....	19 07
Other liabilities as follows: Total.....	\$38,217 45

State of Texas, County of Wise:—We, J. P. Rudd, as president, and Chas. E. Peery as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. J. P. Rudd, president; Chas. E. Peery cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June, 1917. G. B. McCarty, Notary Public Wise county. Correct attest: E. B. Brown, J. P. Turner, John M. Lowder, Directors.

day the 7 day of August 1917, at the court house door of Wise county, in the town of Decatur Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said V. S. Halcomb by virtue of said levy and said execution.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise county Messenger a newspaper published in Decatur Wise county. Witness my hand, this 20 day of June 1917. R. S. Goode, constable 7, Wise County, Texas.

HOW SHALL WE PAY FOR THE WAR?

A Constructive Criticism on the House Revenue Bill.

LOANS BETTER THAN TAXES

Five Reasons Why Excessive Taxes at the Outset of War Are Disadvantageous—Great Britain Example Worthy of Emulation—How the Taxes Should Be Apportioned.

By EDWIN R. A. SELIGMAN,
McVickar Professor of Political Economy, Columbia University.

On May 23, 1917, the House of Representatives passed an act "to provide revenue to defray war expenses and for other purposes." In the original bill as presented by the Committee of Ways and Means, the additional revenue to be derived was estimated at \$1,810,420,000. The amendment to the income tax, which was tacked on to the bill during the discussion in the House, was expected to yield another \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000.

In discussing the House bill, two problems arise:

I. How much should be raised by taxation?

II. In what manner should this sum be raised?

I. How Much Should Be Raised by Taxation?

How was the figure of \$1,800,000,000 arrived at? The answer is simple. When the Secretary of the Treasury came to estimate the additional war expenses for the year 1917-18, he calculated that they would amount to some \$6,600,000,000, of which \$3,000,000,000 was to be allotted to the allies, and \$3,600,000,000 was to be utilized for the domestic purposes. Thinking that it would be a fair proposition to divide this latter sum between loans and taxes, he concluded that the amount to be raised by taxes was \$1,800,000,000.

There are two extreme theories, each of which may be dismissed with scant courtesy. The one is that all war expenditures should be defrayed by loans, and the other is that all war expenditures should be defrayed by taxes. Each theory is untenable.

It is indeed true that the burdens of the war should be borne by the present rather than the future generation; but this does not mean that they should be borne by this year's taxation.

Meeting all war expenses by taxation makes the taxpayers in one or two years bear the burden of benefits that ought to be distributed at least over a decade within the same generation.

In the second place, when expenditures approach the gigantic sums of present-day warfare, the tax-only policy would require more than the total surplus of social income. Were this absolutely necessary, the ensuing havoc in the economic life of the community would have to be endured. But where the disasters are so great and at the same time so unnecessary, the tax-only policy may be declared impracticable.

Secretary McAdoo had the right instinct and highly commendable courage in deciding that a substantial portion, at least, of the revenues should be derived from taxation. But when he hit upon the plan of 50-50 per cent., that is, of raising one-half of all domestic war expenditures by taxes, the question arises whether he did not go too far.

The relative proportion of loans to taxes is after all a purely business proposition. Not to rely to a large extent on loans at the outset of a war is a mistake.

Disadvantages of Excessive Taxes.

The disadvantages of excessive taxes at the outset of the war are as follows:

1. Excessive taxes on consumption will cause popular resentment.

2. Excessive taxes on industry will disarrange business, damp enthusiasm and restrict the spirit of enterprise at the very time when the opposite is needed.

3. Excessive taxes on incomes will deplete the surplus available for investments and interfere with the placing of the enormous loans which will be necessary in any event.

4. Excessive taxes on wealth will cause a serious diminution of the incomes which are at present largely drawn upon for the support of educational and philanthropic enterprises. Moreover, these sources of support would be dried up precisely at the time when the need would be greatest.

5. Excessive taxation at the outset of the war will reduce the elasticity available for the increasing demands that are soon to come.

Great Britain's Policy.

Take Great Britain as an example. During the first year of the war she increased taxes only slightly, in order to keep industries going at top notch. During the second year she raised by new taxes only 9 per cent. of her war expenditures. During the third year she levied by additional taxes (over and above the pre-war level) only slightly more than 17 per cent. of her war expenses.

If we should attempt to do as much in the first year of the war as Great Britain did in the third year it would suffice to raise by taxation \$1,250,000,000. If, in order to be absolutely on the safe side, it seemed advisable to increase the sum to \$1,500,000,000, this should, in our opinion, be the maximum.

In considering the apportionment of the extraordinary burden of taxes in war times certain scientific principles are definitely established:

How Taxes Should Be Apportioned.

(1) The burden of taxes must be spread as far as possible over the whole community so as to cause each individual to share in the sacrifices according to his ability to pay and according to his share in the Government.

(2) Taxes on consumption, which are necessarily borne by the community at large, should be imposed as far as possible on articles of quasi-luxury rather than on those of necessity.

(3) Excises should be imposed as far as possible upon commodities in the hands of the final consumer rather than upon the articles which serve primarily as raw material for further production.

(4) Taxes upon business should be imposed as far as possible upon net earnings rather than upon gross receipts or capital invested.

(5) Taxes upon income which will necessarily be severe should be both differentiated and graduated. That is, there should be a distinction between earned and unearned incomes and there should be a higher rate upon the larger incomes. It is essential, however, not to make the income rate so excessive as to lead to evasion, administrative difficulties, or to the more fundamental objections which have been urged above.

(6) The excess profits which are due to the war constitute the most obvious and reasonable source of revenue during war times. But the principle upon which these war-profit taxes are laid must be equitable in theory and easily calculable in practice.

The Proposed Income Tax.

The additional income tax as passed by the House runs up to a rate of 60 per cent. This is a sum unheard of in the history of civilized society. It must be remembered that it was only after the first year of the war that Great Britain increased her income tax to the maximum of 34 per cent., and that even now in the fourth year of the war the income tax does not exceed 42½ per cent.

It could easily be shown that a tax with rates on moderate incomes substantially less than in Great Britain, and on the larger incomes about as high, would yield only slightly less than the \$532,000,000 originally estimated in the House bill.

It is to be hoped that the Senate will reduce the total rate on the highest incomes to 34 per cent. or at most to 40 per cent., and that at the same time it will reduce the rate on the smaller incomes derived from personal or professional earnings.

If the war continues we shall have to depend more and more upon the income tax. By imposing excessive rates now we are not only endangering the future, but are inviting all manner of difficulties which even Great Britain has been able to escape.

Conclusion.

The House bill contains other fundamental defects which may be summed up as follows:

(1) It pursues an erroneous principle in imposing retroactive taxes.

(2) It selects an unjust and unworkable criterion for the excess profits tax.

(3) It proceeds to an unheard-of height in the income tax.

(4) It imposes unwarranted burdens upon the consumption of the community.

(5) It is calculated to throw business into confusion by levying taxes on gross receipts instead of upon commodities.

(6) It fails to make a proper use of stamp taxes.

(7) It follows an unscientific system in its flat rate on imports.

(8) It includes a multiplicity of petty and unburdening taxes, the vexatiousness of which is out of all proportion to the revenue they produce.

The fundamental lines on which the House bill should be modified are summed up herewith:

(1) The amount of new taxation should be limited to \$1,250,000,000—or at the outset to \$1,500,000,000. To do more than this would be unwise as it is unnecessary. To do even this would be to do more than has ever been done by an organized Government in time of stress.

(2) The excess profits tax based upon a sound system ought to yield about \$300,000,000.

(3) The present schedule ought to be revised with a lowering of the rates on earned incomes below \$10,000, and with an analogous lowering of the rates on the higher incomes, so as not to exceed 34 per cent. A careful calculation shows that an income tax of this kind would yield some \$450,000,000 additional.

(4) The tax on whisky and tobacco ought to remain approximately as it is, with a yield of about \$250,000,000.

These three taxes, together with the stamp tax at even the low rate of the House bill, and with an improved automobile tax, will yield over \$1,250,000,000, which is the amount of money thought desirable.

The above program would be in harmony with an approved scientific system. It will do away with almost all of the complaints that are being urged against the present. It will refrain from taxing the consumption of the poor.

It will throw a far heavier burden upon the rich, but will not go to the extremes of confiscation. It will obviate interference with business and will keep unimpaired the social productivity of the community.

It will establish a just balance between loans and taxes and will not succumb to the danger of approaching either the tax-only policy or the loan-only policy. Above all, it will keep an undisturbed elastic margin, which must be more and more heavily drawn on as the war proceeds.

The Greatest Demand

by the public is not for the highest price car, nor yet for the cheapest. The ordinary man wants a car with 5 speeds forward and reverse, with electric

lights and starter, of about 112 inches wheel base, weighing 2000 pounds or less, and with 25 horse power. Such a car is shown in the accompanying illustration, and will be built in Texas by the Texas Motor Car Association to sell for \$700 or less.

This Association is raising One Million Dollars among the people of Texas to form a co-operative organization for building automobiles, tractors and trucks. Instead of securing \$10,000 from each of 100 men, or \$100,000 from each of ten men, the co-operative idea is to secure approximately 10,000 members with an investment from each averaging about \$100. By having a few of these members in each community in Texas, an organization is formed that will have enormous co-operative strength.

The record of the automobile business is good. It has shown a larger percentage of profit for the amount invested than possibly any other line of human endeavor.

The investment and the interest of the small man will be absolutely protected in the TEXAS MOTOR CAR ASSOCIATION. The affairs will be governed by a strong board of directors, elected from various parts of Texas by the members of the Association. The factory and business will be conducted by experts.

No member of the Association, by ownership of certificates or by proxies, will ever be allowed to vote or control in excess of one-tenth the entire strength of the Association, and this gives absolute protection to each member.

Investments may be made in amounts from \$50.00 to \$500.00 and convenient terms of payment arranged.

Write for further information.

TEXAS MOTOR CAR ASSOCIATION

Southwestern Life Building, Dallas, Texas.

BEN CARY, Boyd, Texas, Special Membership Representative, Wise Co.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First State Bank

NEWARK, TEXAS

At the Close of Business June 20, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	\$ 31,822 32
U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	1,000 00
Overdrafts.....	21 88
Real estate, banking house.....	1,200 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	668 85
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	10,127 23
Due from other banks and bankers subject to check net.....	382 22
Cash items.....	5 04
Currency.....	2,958 00
Specie.....	1,618 55
Int. in depositors' guaranty fund.....	300 45
Other resources as follows:	
Ass'm't for g'ty fund.....	26 54
Total.....	\$ 50,131 08

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	2,500 00
Undivided profits, net.....	1,859 63
Individual deposits subject to check.....	35,587 61
Cashier's checks.....	183 84
Total.....	\$ 50,131 08

State of Texas, County of Wise.—
We, R. A. Hudson as president, and W. H. Doyle as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. R. A. Hudson, President; W. H. Doyle, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of June, 1917. J. S. Procter, Notary Public Wise county, Texas.

Correct attest: M. H. Harmon, G. W. Duke, W. M. Koonce, Directors.

New Caledonia.

Until 1853 New Caledonia was a sort of no man's land. Then both England and France decided to annex it, and orders came to two warships to proceed thither at once. They started the same day. The English captain had heard of the reefs that surround the island, and he was cautious. The Frenchman went ahead without regard for the reefs. When the British captain arrived he saw the tricolor flying from a hill, and he was invited to come in and lunch on French soil.

Animal Strength.

Tests made to determine the respective pulling power of horses, men and elephants showed that two horses, weighing 1,600 pounds each, together pulled 3,750 pounds, or 550 pounds more than their combined weight. One elephant, weighing 12,000 pounds, pulled 8,750 pounds, or 3,250 pounds less than its weight. Fifty men, aggregating 7,500 pounds in weight, pulled 8,750 pounds, or just as much as the single elephant; but, like the horses, they pulled more than their own weight; 100 men pulled 12,000 pounds.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

Good rains have fallen in Wonderful Wise county.

French girls are kissing Pershing's boys. Let's all go to the front.

Will Miss Coney Island come off her perch? Lake Worth is now in the running in dead earnest.

Major Theodore Roosevelt Jr. and Capt. Archibald Roosevelt, sons of their daddy, have arrived in France. Beware, Germany.

Good rains fell in Garza county, greatly benefitting the crops, state a press dispatch. We rise to propound the question, What crops?

If indications are true to the point, every man now enlisted in the army, volunteer and regular, will go to the fighting line in France. Tens of thousands will not return.

The long-haired men and short-haired women up north, who have been so solicitous about the South's treatment of Sambo, should investigate the conduct of their brethren in Illinois.

Showers and rains are reported to have fallen in Seymour, Haskell, Big Springs and Hamlin. Nothing definite has been received from Yuma, Arizona, and north central Africa.

Don't fall out with Sheriff Mann and his deputies if they "pinch" you for violating the law regulating the driving of automobiles. It is a state matter now, Mr. Reckless Driver, and Lee Mann will do his duty. You had better get wise to the law.

The State of Texas says you can't drive an automobile anywhere in Texas if you are under 18 years of age, unless you have a permit, properly signed by state officials. Glaring headlights and speed are under the ban, too. Read the law and get the date when it goes into effect.

Night joy-riding is in bad repute with Dallas officers of the law, and all gay young males and females found skylarking in autos in the night-time are to be taken in. Judge Seay of a Dallas court say auto joy-riding is causing more harm than any other evil agency in that city.

Quite a number of Abilene's rental agencies and real estate dealers are peeved at the Dallas News on account that paper's interest in looking into the suspicious deal that gave the Taylor county town the West Texas A. & M. College. The people who have made Abilene one of the best towns in the west, don't want the great school if it requires trickery and double-dealing to get it.

With Claud C. Lewis chairman of the board of managers of the Joe Wheeler park reunion, which is scheduled for August 1, 2 and 3, the people expect something "bigger and better than ever before." C. C. is a hustler and one of the most progressive men in the county. We all like him, and we believe the old soldiers acted wisely in selecting him to look after the big entertainment.

LUCILE GEERS.

The fact that one of the most prominent and influential Oklahoma members of the Dallas reserve bank board is the husband of a Denton girl is proof positive that the man is qualified. Association with wit, beauty and culture will make any man a giant in the big affairs of the times.—Wise County Messenger.

The Messenger man, being endowed with the usual journalistic unwillingness to boast, modestly refrains from suggesting that the fact that the Denton girl's father was a newspaper man may have had anything to do with the shaping of the influential reserve bank director's destiny. Just any newspaper man might not have had, of course, but we don't believe such a splendid gentleman as Col. C. W. Geers could have failed to confer a benefit on humanity thru the characters of his children.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

It appears that Gov. Jim, in his enthusiasm to reward his political shouters in this county, in naming the exemption board, selected two men who are not citizens of Wise. When Jim was a candidate for governor these gentlemen were here, and they shouted vociferously for him, but they now live in the arid panhandle country. The governor should keep a better tab on the movements of his shouters.

Did Abilene win the West Texas A. & M. College? Three members of the selecting board of five state emphatically they did not vote for the Taylor county town on the ballot which the clerk declared gave the college to it. Ferguson voted for Abilene and Commissioner Davis voted for Abilene—two votes, one short of the necessary majority. Yet, Abilene was given the college. What town was the clerk, appointed by Ferguson, juggling for? Maybe, in the excitement that worthy gentleman unthoughtfully, dropped in a ballot.

The governor of Texas has had a great deal to say about the "high-brows" in connection with the university muddle. Now the Courier would like to ask why he does not patronize the public schools, but rather sends his children to a select private school for "highbrows"? Are the Austin public schools unfit for his children; and, if so, why? Does he object to the company or the course of study in the Austin public schools? Governor, you ought to tell the people why old "Farmer" Jim sends his children to the high-brow school rather than to the public schools he pretends to love so much.—Christian Courier.

In Messenger's opinion the suspended sentence law is a good one when not abused. When properly applied it is frequently a great aid to the state in rounding up criminals who could not be punished through any other source. For instance, if the youths who were given suspended sentences in our district court last week had "stood pat" and refused to "come clean" with the grand jury, not one conviction would have resulted, and the men who were associated with the boys in the burglaries would have gone unpunished and at liberty to continue the depredations. And, another thing, this law gives the youthful first-offender an opportunity to brace up and buck the line honorably. The suspended-sentence law was not made for hardened criminals; it holds out a hand of hope and charity to the boy who has gone astray for the first time. We commend the law when intelligently applied; as applied by the grand jurors and County Attorney Borch in the cases before Judge McKinsie last week.

Mr. J. E. Bacon, an inmate of the county jail awaiting transportation to the Huntsville penitentiary, writes a letter to the readers of the Messenger. The letter appears in today's issue. The letter is remarkable in that the writer states he is guilty of the charge brought against him. The Messenger has published numerous letters from prisoners, but Mr. Bacon is the first one to acknowledge his guilt and agree with the jury that the verdict was just. Mr. Bacon's frank admission of his guilt and his claim that poverty and infirm health prompted him to violate the law, arouses some sympathy for the man. One-legged and with failing eye-sight, this man who has been convicted and sentenced to state prison for bootlegging whiskey, must pay the penalty. He is responsible for the plight of the family he leaves behind; he should have thought of the wife and little ones when he was dispensing wares the law's ban was upon. We pity Bacon; we pity the wife and children who suffer for the transgressions of the husband and father.

On account of the continued dry weather, everything is in bad shape for a fire in town, so that in behooves every citizen to be especially careful about fire. Don't let inflammable trash accumulate about your premises, and don't take any chances with cigar stubs, etc.—Bridgeport Index.

How One Texas Farmer Beat the Dry Weather

He lived on the black, waxy prairie land almost due north of Dallas in a county that bordered on Red River. His corn failed completely, but he never gave up!

His wheat and oat stubble land was untouched.

On the 20 day of July he started his wheat drill over the stubble, putting in sorghum cane.

On the same day he put 4 mules to a lister and began laying off rows, following immediately behind with a planter, putting in milo maize.

After the maize was in, June corn was planted.

The work was finished in 3 or 4 days.

When he planted these things the earth was dry and there was not a shadow of a chance for a seed to come up until rain came.

Rain fell in about one week after last seed were sown in the dry earth.

The cane, the milo maize and the June corn made fine yields. Early frost nipped the corn just a bit, causing it to appear shrunken, but it weighed out 25 bushels to the acre.

Cane was cut with a wheat binder; maize with a row binder.

The farmer fattened ten head of hogs and fed twelve head over until the next year's crop was made.

He ran ten mule force and fed the animals on these crops from the time of harvest until the next year's crop was made.

Moral: Never give up. One victory is recompense for a thousand defeats.

The corn crop of Texas is nearly nothing this year. Large acres are burned up so far as corn is concerned. Every acre of corn land that has failed and every stubble land should be planted to food and feed crops.

Take a chance! Remember that the world belongs to those who never quit.

Bankers and merchants should see to it that no farmer in their locality fails to plant fall crops by reason of lack of funds to purchase seed. Secretaries of commerce and executive officers of other business organizations should take steps to secure seed for their various localities.

We have all seen plenty of rain in July, August and September following a dry winter and spring. Have seen it more than once. We may see it this year.

June corn, milo maize, Spanish peanuts and soy beans will make a crop in about 100 days. Other crops mature about as follows: Sudan grass, 65 days; feterita, 75 days; New Era, or hay pea (blue speckled), 65 days; black-eyed and whippoorwill peas, 75 days; butter beans, (small variety), 75 days. These crops can be grown practically anywhere in Texas if they are up by the end of the first week in August. Only a little rain on them is needed. Some have been grown when up even later.

Plant, plant, plant!

While the corn crop is near a failure in the county, there is yet plenty of time to raise a big feed crop, and farmers will make every effort to make up for loss of the corn crop.

Good showers fell over the county Tuesday and Wednesday.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF First State Bank

DECATUR, TEXAS

At the Close of Business June 20, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 192,765 53
Loans, real estate	3,124 00
Overdrafts	253 52
Bonds and stocks	11,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	3,600 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$ 27,828 45
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	97 55
Cash items	480 37
Currency	6,689 00
Specie	4,525 75
Int. in depositors' guaranty fund	1,384 77
Other resources	81 94
Total	\$ 251,770 88

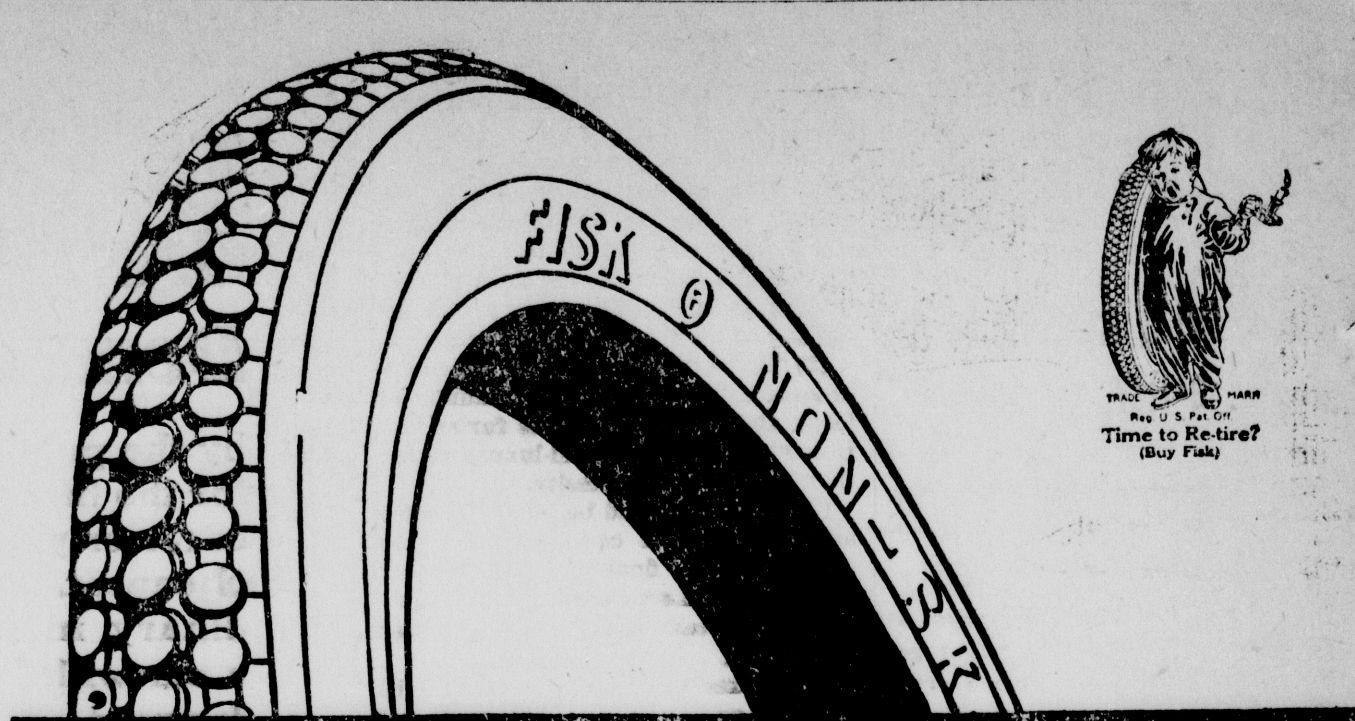
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	5,000 00
Undivided profits, net	5,062 48
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net	12,007 25
Individual deposits subject to check	166,404 30
Time certificates of deposit	12,993 30
Cashier's checks	303 55
Total	\$ 251,770 88

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, Guinn Williams as president, and E. P. Gibson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Guinn Williams, President; E. P. Gibson, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1917. H. M. Foster, Notary Public, Wise county, Texas.

Correct attest: J. H. Mearns, J. A. Simmons, A. Y. Leslie, Directors.



We Sell Nationally Advertised Fisk Tires

Fisk tires are nationally advertised—so are all standard made tires. Big tire concerns keep up a constant, everlasting business getting, common-sense advertising campaign in the highest price mediums in the country.

They attract your eye with an artistic illustration, they hold your attention by submitting that you will experience fewer tire troubles by using their product—then they sell you by smashing you with the facts they are quantity producers and have a fair list price.

These big successful concerns do not solicit business direct from the consumer by offering a "cut price," because they know the dealers would not support them—then there would be no free air, no porters to change your tire, in fact No Tire Service at your command.

Instead they sell through responsible garage men and allow them the legitimate discount of 12½ per cent from list and an additional 5 per cent for cash. You can then always get the proper size tire or tube—Day or Night—the dealer "Carries them in Stock."

This also comes under the head of SERVICE. The same policy governs every successful Manufacturer in the United States. Don't you believe it? Then use your own good business judgment for a moment and answer to yourself the following questions:



Sold By Meridian Garage, Decatur, Texas

Law Suspended 15 Days

Austin, June 30.—The state highway commission has extended for a period of fifteen days the enforcement of the highway commission law. This act becomes effective July 1. The inability of the commission to issue all registration licenses is the cause for extending the operation of the law to July 15. This ruling also applies to the law requiring automobiles to be equipped with dimmers.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Paradise State Bank

PARADISE, TEXAS

At the Close of Business, June 20, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 45,454 03
Real estate, (banking house)	3,500 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	15,531 22
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	872 95
Cash items	145 97
Currency	2,869 00
Specie	1,243 60
Int. in depositors' guaranty fund	471 37
Other resources	11 90
Assessment in g'ty fund	11 90
Total	\$ 71,100 04

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund	5,000 00
Undivided profits, net	2,017 50
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net	209 41
Individual deposits subject to check	53,330 13
Time certificates of deposit	515 00
Cashier's checks	28 00
Total	\$ 71,100 04

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, Guinn Williams as president, and H. T. Bridges as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Guinn Williams, President; H. T. Bridges, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of June, 1917. E. P. Gibson, Notary Public Wise county, Texas.

Correct attest: J. H. Golaz, O. L. Hartsell, C. W. Pearson, Directors.

POST OFFICE

MEAT MARKET

Some Leave the Postoffice with gloom on the face

But on Reaching Our Meat Market JOY TAKES ITS PLACE It's the sight OF OUR FINE MEATS That works the transformation

The City Meat Market

TAILORING THAT IS RIGHT

Bring Your Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing here where you get the Right Kind of work at the Right Price.

HATS CLEANED and REBLOKED

Greer Cash Store

THE FLAG PLEDGE

Origin of This Sublime Salute to the Stars and Stripes.

IT HAD ITS BIRTH IN KANSAS.

The Tribute Our School Children Pay to Old Glory Was Written by a Kansas Boy Who Was Inspired by the Patriotism of a Kansas Woman.

I pledge allegiance to my flag
And to the republic for which it
stands,
One nation indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all.

Half a hundred boys and girls, eyes glistening and voices thrilling, chant the flag pledge in unison, and at the close half a hundred right arms are thrust forward and upward, the better to wave half a hundred little American flags.

That is the scene presented to the visitor in any public schoolroom in America on Washington's birthday or flag day or any other occasion of a patriotic program.

America owes its flag pledge to Kansas. It was written by a Kansas boy and inspired by a Kansas woman. Here is the story:

A little more than twenty years ago Mrs. Lillian A. Hendricks of Cherryvale, Kan., was an untiring worker in the Women's Relief corps, an auxiliary of the G. A. R., and held the office of patriotic instructor in the Cherryvale organization. The mother of two boys, she wanted them to grow up with the spirit of her ancestry, which led back to John Cary of Revolutionary war fame, and she entered upon her duties as patriotic instructor with enthusiasm. She followed the custom of her official predecessors in visiting the schools and talking to the pupils about the glories of the country and its traditions. But she went farther. She induced the principal of the high school to set aside a recitation hour, during which the sixteen members of the class of 1896 wrote their ideas of their debt to their country and their duty to its government.

One member of the class was Frank M. Bellamy. His tribute impressed Mrs. Hendricks so much, when it was gathered up with the others and sent to her for inspection, that she preserved it.

With 1898 came the Spanish-American war, and one of the first to volunteer his services to the country was Frank Bellamy, then twenty-one years old. He joined the Twentieth Kansas infantry as a member of the regimental band and went to the Philippines, where he remained until the Kansas fighting force returned to the United States and was mustered out.

But in the meantime, in 1899, with the fervor of patriotism which the war with Spain aroused, came the decision of a conference of representatives of the patriotic organizations of the country that a pledge of allegiance was necessary to inculcate a love of country in the generations to come. Throughout the states the submission of suitable sentiments was invited, and the W. R. C., through its state departments and they through local corps like the one at Cherryvale, took it up. Mrs. Hendricks, whose love of the Stars and Stripes was something very much like worship, thought at once of the pledge of allegiance written by the high school boy who now was with Uncle Sam's fighting men across the Pacific, and she submitted it to the national committee which was to make the selection. Out of thousands upon thousands of manuscripts which reached the committee and were read and passed on, the pledge of Frank Bellamy was chosen as the one expressing in fewest words and strongest phrases the loyalty of an American to his flag and to the land of his birth or adoption. So it came to pass that the Kansas boy author of the "flag pledge" is numbered with Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner," Joseph Rodman Drake, author of "The American Flag," Dr. S. S. Smith, author of "America," and others from whose pens have come undying expressions of fealty to our country.

Frank Bellamy returned from the Philippines shattered in health by his stay in the tropics. It is an interesting fact that he knew nothing of the adoption of his pledge of allegiance by the patriotic societies of America until Mrs. Hendricks told him when he arrived in his home town.

"We are proud of you, Frank," she said, "and the national W. R. C. has passed a resolution thanking you for writing it."

The boy flushed. "It didn't express half what I tried to write," he said.

The physicians who examined him on his arrival home found that the white plague already had him in its grip and ordered him to the mountains. He went to Colorado, and, since he could no longer follow music as a vocation, he took up art, for which he also had a talent, and, his own mother having died, he looked to Mrs. Hendricks for advice and corresponded with her throughout his residence in the west.

Mr. Bellamy never recovered his health, but his last days were made easy because of the fact that through Mrs. Hendricks' efforts he obtained a liberal pension as a Spanish-American war veteran. He died in Denver March 31, 1915. His body was taken to Cherryvale and rests in Fairview cemetery there, not far from the shaft which marks the grave of Mrs. Hendricks.—Kansas City Star.

Ill patterns are sure to be followed more than good rules.—Locke.

DAIRY WISDOM.

- Don't sacrifice any heifer calf from a first class dairy cow.
- Give each calf a chance to drink water at least twice each day.
- Give the cows a good feeding of hay before turning into the fresh pasture.
- Put the cows on the low ground where the coarse grass springs up and grows rankly at the start. If this grass is left uncropped it becomes tough and will not be eaten at all.
- Calves can be raised perfectly on skim milk.

SUMMER SILAGE CROPS.

Provision Should Be Made to Tide Over Scant Pasture Period.

Dairy farmers who have not already made preparations for tiding cows over the period of insufficient pastures in late summer and fall should not forget that many cows went nearly dry last July and August, says a Pennsylvania Agricultural college bulletin. Such conditions may be avoided and incidentally the dairyman's bank account strengthened by a little forethought.

Maintaining the milk flow during the period of insufficient pasture may be accomplished by feeding additional grain, by feeding soiling crops and by feeding silage.

Feeding soiling crops in addition to the pasture secured by the cows helps to maintain the milk flow at moderate cost. The objection to this method is the labor and planning necessary in planting and cutting such crops at the proper time. Unless one has some silage from last year's feeding soiling crops offer the most feasible feeding plan for the coming summer.

The best, cheapest and most practical way to tide over short pastures is to have an ample supply of corn silage. Plan to have enough left over from winter feeding to take care of the short pasture period. This involves less labor than soiling crops, and the feed is handy and ready for use whenever needed.

The summer silo should be rather narrow in diameter so that the silage may be fed at the rate of three inches daily to prevent spoiling.

Begin now to plan for a corn acreage sufficient to insure silage for next summer's feeding. It will keep well with the exception of a small amount on top. Put up an extra silo if needed. In the meantime plant some soiling crops for use this summer.

CALVES UNPROFITABLE.

Consume More Food In Milk Than They Produce In Meat.

Veal calves from dairy cows generally lose money for their owners, and when these calves are kept until a year old the loss is even greater, is the information brought by cost account records of the Ohio agricultural experiment station for twenty-six herds. The milk used to grow these calves is often of more value as human food than the veal produced.

In the twenty-six dairy herds eight owners lost money on raising calves for veal. The average loss on 323 veals was about \$1.95 a head. The average loss on raising 361 calves in thirty herds studied was \$6.90 for the first year. Only five dairymen among the thirty raised calves at a profit.

When dairymen get a high price for milk they would be ahead by selling calves rather than raising such animals for veal or beef. The milk would bring a higher price for human food than the veal produced from it. Pure bred calves usually bring higher prices for breeding purposes, and in such cases it is profitable to raise them.

SWINE ON PASTURE.

Hogs Require Some Grain to Make Economical Gains.

Hogs on pasture require grain for greatest profits in pork production, but a full feed is not economical when pasture is plentiful and grain high priced. When corn alone is fed a limited ration is considerably cheaper because the forage crop takes the place of much of the grain.

Hogs fed all the grain they would eat made more rapid but less economical gains in feeding tests at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment station. They can be marketed sooner, however, which often is an advantage to farmers.

Some protein feed, such as tankage or skim milk, is recommended to be fed in small quantity along with corn and pasture to pigs weighing less than 100 pounds. Pork production is usually too expensive when such feeds are given to large hogs, especially if they are on such pasture as alfalfa, clover, rape or soy beans, all of which are high in protein.

Care of Horses.

Frequent currying and brushing will insure a healthy condition of the horse. A few minutes spent daily in currying and brushing a horse is time well spent. Aside from giving the animal a clean, glossy appearance, this daily brushing stimulates circulation. The skin is an important excretory organ and must be kept clean and free to do its work. In the spring the horses should be kept especially clean, as the long hours of work, dust, sweat and heat all combine to make proper care of the skin a necessity. Sore shoulders and other afflictions, due to lack of care on the part of the owner, have often caused great loss of time and money.—Farm and Fireside.

In the Arena of Sports

Bobby Veach of Detroit.

Manager Hughey Jennings of the Detroit Tigers attributes the poor showing of the team largely to the fact that one of his best batters has been off in his work with the club. Left Fielder Veach



Photo by American Press Association.

ROBERT VEACH.

has been away behind what he is capable of doing, but of late has begun to pick up. The Detroit outfield trio—Cobb, Veach and Heilmann—is considered about as good as any in either league, and when Veach gets going the Tigers are pretty sure to begin a climb.

Calls Off Title Tennis.

No championship tennis matches will be held in California this year, it was decided at a recent meeting of the California Lawn Tennis association. Instead tournaments will be played for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

Rowland Is to Remain.

President Comiskey of the Chicago Americans has denied reports that he was negotiating with William Carrigan, former manager of the Boston Americans, to supplant Manager Rowland.

Insect Pests Reduce Production of Eggs

Lice and mites by feeding upon laying hens cause a reduction in egg production, says Professor F. E. Fox of the Kansas Agricultural college. The lice live continuously upon the fowl, eating the tissues and causing much annoyance by scratching and irritating the bird. Mites suck the blood of the victim and thus, in addition to annoyance and pain, rob the fowl of needed nourishment.

Lice have biting mouth parts and are therefore easily poisoned. For this purpose blue ointment is the most effective and easiest to apply. A piece about the size of a pea should be well rubbed into the fluff well up into the skin just below the vent. As the lice necessarily must go there for moisture they are readily poisoned. The treatment should be repeated in a week or ten days to assure killing those that hatch later.

Mites are combated in a different manner because of a vital difference in their life habits. They live upon the fowl only at night, sucking the blood. They then leave the bird and hide in cracks, crevices and filth during the day.

Effective control is mostly through sanitation. Give the house a thorough cleaning. Throw out all litter and straw, clean out all filth, brush down the sides, sweep the ceiling and scrub out the house with warm water. Spray thoroughly with coal tar dip, carbolic acid mixed with water or pure kerosene. In applying these solutions a brush may be used, but a spray pump is the most desirable.

THE RAINBOW.

My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky.
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die.
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And I could wish my days to be
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Arrive at Decatur	
No. 3, 11:07 a.m.	No. 8, 5:06 a.m.
No. 7, 12:45 a.m.	No. 4, 5:12 p.m.
Leave — Ft. Worth — Arrive	
No. 3, 9:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Amarillo	
No. 3, 11:15 p.m.	No. 8, 5:50 p.m.
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.	No. 4, 5:45 a.m.
Arrive — Denver — Leave	
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

Mrs. Bill Crawford is visiting in Wister, Okla.

Miss May Hoyl has returned from Amarillo, where she visited Miss Ada Allison.

Mrs. F. E. Shanks of Laredo, who has been visiting Mrs. H. H. Halsell, left last week to be the guest of friends in Chillicothe.

Bonnie P. Williams has returned from a stay in Amarillo.

Mmes. Tully Fields of Detroit, Mich., and Pate Boone of Oklahoma, have been visiting their father, E. O. Lively.

"Dad" Elliott, formerly with the Hopson and Elliott & Hopson barber firm, is now located with the Bowden shop in the Messenger building. Dad is one of the most popular tonsorialists in the city.

Work on the Majestic building is being rushed to completion. Manager Blythe is overseeing the work, and all precautions are being taken to make the building as strong as possible.

Mrs. E. S. Tyson, age 85, died at the home of her son, Rev. G. W. Tyson, below Decatur, at 2:30 a. m. on Thursday of last week. Grandma Tyson had been an invalid for many years, a sufferer from paralysis. She was one of the early settlers of Denton county, but had spent the past few years with her son. She was a devoted christian and had spent a long life of christian usefulness.

Dewey Mann is on a trip to points in California.

B. C. Cotner and family of Ft. Worth spent several days with relatives here and at Greenwood.

Hortense, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Halsell, suffered a broken limb Sunday afternoon as a result of being run over by an auto. The Halsell car was being backed from the home garage, when the child in some manner fell from the car step, rolling under the wheel. The wheel passed over the child's leg, breaking the limb near her hip. The little girl has been resting nicely the past few days.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. King, on Thursday, June 28, 1917, a son.

The new uniforms for the local band were received this week and were worn by the boys when they went to Bridgeport on the 3 and 4 to furnish music for the picnic. The uniforms are neat and add greatly to the appearance of the band.

U. Byers, perennial fisherman, has been going half shod recently because a big catfish mistook one of his feet for bait and tried to swallow it. The lacerated member became infected and has given "Bess" considerable trouble, but he says the fish got the worst of it, one bite killing it dead in a mackerel.—Bridgeport Index

Clyde Melton has returned from the training camp at Leon Springs, having resigned from the officer's school there in order to volunteer in the local company of National Guard.

Eli Roberts was home on a furlough from his regiment in Oklahoma. Since being called to the colors, Eli has been promoted to sergeant.

Mrs. Eddie Lillard and son, Roy, were here Monday from Bowie.

Misses Alma Moore and Hazel Brady visited Sidell Sunday.

Mrs. H. L. Ward has returned from a Dallas sanitarium after recovering from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gage of Dallas visited here this week.

Misses Ina Belle and Blanche Hutcherson of Springtown have been visiting the family of Tom Mann.

Frank Timberlake of Wichita Falls spent Tuesday in Decatur.

Among those who have recently bought new Overland autos are Mack Burch, D. J. Moss, J. V. Patterson, Decatur; Andy Doyle and W. T. Campbell, Sidell.

Mrs. W. C. Loveless and children of Godby are visiting relatives here.

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Mrs. Sarah Greer and Miss De Alva Greer are visiting in Mesquite.

Capt. Steve Lillard reports that he now lacks only seventeen men to fill his company of the national guard. Fifty men were allotted Capt. Lillard from Wichita Falls. The National guard recruiting will close on July 10. Reports from headquarters are that the selective draft will be begun at that time. H. G. Ward has about finished the selection of his regimental band.

Mrs. S. F. Watkins has returned from a visit to Park Springs.

A. B. Conley has been on a trip to Lubbock.

Mrs. Nellie Rawlinton of Memphis, Tenn., is the guest of Mrs. Watkins.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ansted, Wednesday July 4, 1917, a daughter.

Miss Velma Collins of Elbert, is visiting relatives here.

Sam Man of Wichita Falls, was here this week to join the regimental band.

I have my new felts in all colors. Call and see them. Mrs. E. B. Melton.

Rev. R. B. Moreland announces that his sermon next Sunday morning will be "Why we baptize infants." For the evening a special subject to young people. Everybody is invited.

Terrell Lillard has returned to Decatur to take charge of the Lillard Mill in the place of Steve Lillard, who has successfully managed the mill for a number of years. Capt. Steve leaves soon with his company of national guard. Terrell Lillard will prove a competent man to handle the mill. He is a splendid young fellow, congenial, progressive and a town booster at all times. He has many friends who will be glad to know of his return to the business life of Decatur.

Clarence and Miss Trula Collins have been visiting in Throckmorton county.

Miss Vera Hill, the attractive daughter of Senator and Mrs. J. M. Hill, has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

A number of our citizens went to Bridgeport Wednesday evening to attend the picnic. A good crowd was present, and although it was muddy, everybody had a good time.

Miss Diana Summers of Stephenville, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Henderson.

Mrs. Louis Schulky, Bill and Miss Alma Schulkey, Frank Green and family, and Miss Mary Smith made an auto trip to Alvord, Chico and Bridgeport Tuesday.

Mrs. N. W. Halcomb was carried to Ft. Worth Monday for an operation. Last reports were that she was doing as well as could be expected.

Wise county has been soaked with rain this week, and all growing crops have been benefited. Many farmers who lost their corn crops are planting other feed crops.

Mrs. Joe Hill has returned from a visit to Ft. Worth.

Amarillo, July 4.—Miss Minnie Isle Callaway, formerly of Amarillo, but is now known as the favorite Jane Houston, playing with John Drew in "Major Pendennis," has just closed a most successful season and will sail at once for France where she will become the bride of Lieutenant Higgincombe of London.

One of the hardest jobs in the world is that of falling to a member of the exemption board. Few men desire a position where they are called upon to select their neighbor's son for "cannon fodder," and the man who solicits such a job will bear watching. The people will be keen to detect any favoritism shown in the selections, and the man is to be pitied who comes under the accusing finger. Friends and foes, relatives and acquaintances must be treated alike. Anything short of this will put the man guilty of the deed shame the rest of his life; besides, Uncle Sam will call him to law upon complaint of a citizen.

Notice

A meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank, of Greenwood, Tex., is hereby called for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to close the business of the above named bank and to surrender its corporate franchise in conformity with the provisions of section 77, Acts First Called Session Twenty-ninth Legislature, 1905, same being now Revised Statutes 1911, Article 561, said meeting to be held at the office of said bank in Greenwood, Texas, on Sept. 7, 1917, at 3 o'clock p. m.

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Continued List of Wise Co. Heroes

Weekly installment of names of those who registered on June 5:

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Notice is hereby given to all water and light consumers that bills are payable on or before the 10th of the month. Ten per cent will be added after that date, and if not paid by the last of the month service will be discontinued and a charge of \$1.00 will be made for connection. All bills are payable at the office of the City Secretary on West Main street; office hours from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Please call and settle. Done by order of the City Council.

R L THOMPSON, City Sec.

RHOME

Our new depot is about completed. The painters are putting the finishing touches on it this week.

W. J. Logan has sold his stock of goods to Mr. Bogy of Bridgeport, who has taken possession of same.

Miss Jennie Hambricht is spending this week with homefolks.

Z. B. Bobo Jr. and sisters, Misses Bess and Virgie, visited in Decatur.

Misses Minnie Mae Morris has been visiting relatives in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pavillard of Fort Worth spent Sunday in Rhome.

Mrs. H. H. Hambricht, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is better.

Mrs. E. L. Smitherman has been in Cleburne.

Mrs. Z. B. Bobo had as guests last week Mrs. F. E. Shanks of Laredo, Mrs. Harry Halsell and children and Mrs. Carl Christian of Decatur, and Mrs. Grace Herring of Trinidad, Colo.

Mrs. A. A. Van Meter and daughter, Ruth, are spending the summer in St. Louis.

Mrs. Robt. NeSmith of Dallas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Leonard.

Edgar Eugene Hambricht of Roanoke, has been here visiting his grandparents, Judge and Mrs. Hambricht.

Charlie and Morris Rowland of Fort Worth have been here.

Miss Laura Cooley of Alvord, was the week-end guest of Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Bernie Kirby of Stephenville, is visiting J. W. Beard and family.

Mrs. J. P. Bowlin and children of Bridgeport, are guests in the Van Meter home.

Miss Edna Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Leonard of Decatur, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Leonard.

Mrs. D. M. Morris attended the missionary rally at Decatur Tuesday.

BOYD.

Epworth League Program, Sunday Night, July 3:

Subject, Tried and proved; Leader, S. D. McCluney; Opening song, "Standing on the promises"; Song, "Jesus, I my cross have taken"; Sequence Prayers; Responsive reading of James 2; Song, "Guide me thou great Jehovah"; Duet, Ronda McCluney and Lillie Belle Goodger; Vocal solo, Miss Lottie Wren; Talk by leader on subject of lesson; Great promises, W. C. Tarry; Song by League; Trusting God's promises, Mrs. Tom Wright; Prayer by leader; Benediction

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Continental State Bank BOYD TEXAS

At the close of business, June 20, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 77,645 88
Overdrafts	90 10
Real estate (b'king house)	2,200 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,800 00
Due from approved reserve ag'ts net	\$ 11,371 93
Due from banks and bankers subject to check, net	6,116 39
Cash items	593 30
Currency	5,204 00
Specie	1,701 32
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	1,296 22
Other resources as follows:	
Assessment guaranty fund	111 20
TOTAL	108,230 34

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	10,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, net	3,141 22
Individual deposits, subject to check	79,723 10
Time certificates of deposit	5,133 00
Cashier's checks	233 02
TOTAL	108,230 34

State of Texas, County of Wise—We, W. M. Koonce, as president, and W. P. Cook as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. M. Koonce, President, W. P. Cook, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2nd day of July, 1917.

J. S. Proctor, Notary Public, Wise County, Texas.

Correct—Attest: W. P. Cook, G. A. Arrington, W. M. Koonce, Directors.

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"But it was a phonograph, a source
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"I knew no differently until I
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The subtle, characteristic tones of
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